December 19, 2005

Mr. Geoffrey Sea The Barnes Home 1832 Wakefield Mound Road Piketon OH 45661

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

SECTION 106 CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED AMERICAN

CENTRIFUGE PLANT, PIKE COUNTY, OHIO: NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WELL FIELD

Dear Mr. Sea:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing additional information relavant to the ongoing Section 106 consultation for USEC Inc.'s proposed American Centrifuge Plant (ACP). In several of your previous submittals you had indicated concerns about what appeared to be prehistoric earthworks at one of the well fields that will supply water for the proposed ACP.

As you are aware the NRC has previously issued its draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the proposed ACP. The DEIS presents a discussion of impacts from the well field in question on page 4-7 and the NRC's findings that there would be no effect on these apparent earthworks. Subsequent to publication of the DEIS, the NRC received a statement from Mr. Blaine Bleekman (enclosure), a local resident, who described construction of three levies along the Scioto River after a 1959 flood, including the levy that you are concerned about. While it appears most likely that these structures are recently constructed flood control levies, it is still the NRC's position that there will be no effect on these structures from continued pumping at the subject well field.

At this point you have provided several objections to our findings in the DEIS. In addition to your concerns about the DOE well field, you have also expressed concerns for historic properties bordering the DOE reservation as well as the NRC's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We have previously received comments from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) (enclosure) and are working to incorporate their comments, however, we note that the OHPO has stated their agreement that the proposed ACP would not adversely affect historic properties. We are in the process of forwarding your objections to the both the OHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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If you have any questions about this information please feel free to respond in writing or to contact Matthew Blevins by phone at 301-415-7684 or by e-mail at MXB6@nrc.gov. Mr. Blevins will be happy to set up a meeting or telephone conference to facilitate the consultation.

Sincerely,

/RA/

B. Jennifer Davis, Chief Environmental Review Section Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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